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 JANUARY 12, 1978: THE END OF THE AFFAIR

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1. I MADE MY FAREWELL CALL ON THE DEAN OF THE WARSAW DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SOVIET AMBASSADOR STANISLAV PILOTOVICH, ON JANUARY 26. WE SPENT AN AMICABLE HALF-HOUR EXCHANGING PLEASANTRIES. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR MADE TWO SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO WORK FOR DETENTE IN THE MILITARY FIELD AND FOR DISARMAMENT, WITH WHICH I AGREED IN GENERAL TERMS, AND ASKED ME ONE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION, ON WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TO WHICH I ANSWERED THAT I DID NOT ENVY THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES AND HIS WHO HAD RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
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DEALING WITH THIS PART OF THE WORLD. NEITHER HE NOR I MENTIONED MY WALKING OUT OF THE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION GIVEN ON JANUARY 12 FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS BY CHAIRMAN JABLONSKI OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

2. AT THE END OF OUR MEETING, PILOTOVICH RAISED A TOAST TO THE HEALTH, FUTURE SUCCESS, AND HAPPINESS OF MY WIFE AND MYSELF, IN

WHICH HE REFERRED WARMLY TO THE SERIES OF TETE-A-TETE LUNCHEONS WHICH WE HAD ALTERNATELY GIVEN FOR EACH OTHER (N.B.: A SERIES WHICH WAS NOT CONTINUED AFTER JULY 21, 1977, WHEN, AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, PILOTOVICH MADE REMARKS TO WHICH I OBJECTED). HE SAID THAT, WHILE WE WERE MEETING THUS, BY OURSELVES, HE WANTED TO TELL ME HOW GRATEFUL HE WAS FOR, AND HOW WARMLY HE WOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER, THE EXCELLENT PERSONAL RELATIONS WE HAD HAD. I RECIPROCATED HIS TOAST IN KIND AND EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT WE MIGHT SEE EACH OTHER SOME TIME, SOME PLACE AGAIN. (COMMENT: HE IS ONE OF THE LESS OBJECTIONABLE SOVIET APPARATCHIKI WHOM I HAVE KNOWN; THIS, NO DOUBT, IS THE RESULT OF HIS HALF-POLISH HERITAGE).

3. ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, PILOTOVICH GAVE FOR ME AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY THE TRADITIONAL FAREWELL COUPE DE CHAMPAGNE. WE WERE COMPELLED TO PICK THIS DATE BECAUSE I HAD NOT EARLIER HAD ANY FREE TIME AND HAD TO SPEND JANUARY 27 IN KRAKOW, WHILE PILOTOVICH WAS LEAVING EARLY ON JANUARY 30 TO GO TO MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATIONS, FOLLOWED BY SOME LEAVE, AND WOULD NOT, HE SAID, BE BACK IN WARSAW BEFORE MY DEPARTURE ON FEBRUARY 2. I WAS GRATIFIED THAT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS SATURDAY, 39 OUT OF THE 50 OTHER MISSIONS, RESIDENT IN WARSAW, OF COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE U.S. HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (INCLUDING CHINA AND CUBA), WERE REPRESENTED.

4. PILOTOVICH'S REMARKS WERE LESS WARM THAN THEY HAD BEEN DURING MY FAREWELL CALL (HENCE, NO DOUBT, THIS REMARK THAT HE CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS SAYING WHAT HE DID THEN, WHILE WE WERE "MEETING BY OURSELVES"). THEY WERE, HOWEVER, AS COURTEOUS AS COULD BE WISHED AND FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCASION.

5. DURING THE REMARKS WE EXCHANGED, THERE WAS ON NEITHER SIDE ANY MENTION OF, OR ALLUSION TO, THE INCIDENT OF JANUARY 12.

6. THE SAME WAS TRUE OF MY FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK ON JANUARY 25.
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